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WASHINGTON (AP) — After months of struggling to find agreement on just about anything in a divided Congress, lawmakers are returning to Capitol Hill to try to avert a government shutdown, even as House Republicans consider whether to press forward with an impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden. A short-term funding measure to keep government offices fully functioning will dominate the September agenda, along with emergency funding for Ukraine, federal disaster funds and the Republican-driven probe into Hunter Biden's overseas business dealings.

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People walk near the U.S Capitol Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023, in Washington. People walk near the U.S Capitol Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023, in Washington.

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Time is running short for Congress to act. The House is scheduled to meet for just 11 days before the government's fiscal year ends on Sept. 30, leaving little room to maneuver. And the deal-making will play out as two top Republicans, Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky and Rep. Steve Scalise of Louisiana, deal with health issues.

The president and congressional leaders, including Republican House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, are focused on passage of a months-long funding measure, known as a continuing resolution, to keep government offices running while lawmakers iron out a budget. It's a step Congress routinely takes to avoid stoppages, but McCarthy faces resistance from within his own Republican ranks, including from some hardline conservatives who openly embrace the idea of a government shutdown.

"Honestly, it's a pretty big mess," McConnell said at an event in Kentucky last week.

Here are the top issues as lawmakers return from the August break:

KEEPING THE GOVERNMENT OPEN

When Biden and McCarthy struck a deal to suspend the nation's debt ceiling in June, it included provisions for topline spending numbers. But under pressure from the House Freedom Caucus, House Republicans have advanced spending bills that cut below that agreement.

Republicans have also tried to load their spending packages with conservative policy wins. For exam-



Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., talks with reporters as the Senate returns to Capitol Hill to try to avert a government shutdown, at the Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023.

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ple, House Republicans added provisions blocking abortion coverage, transgender care and diversity initiatives to a July defense package, turning what has traditionally been a bipartisan effort into a sharply contested bill.

But Democrats control the Senate and are certain to reject most of the conservative proposals. Senators are crafting their spending bills on a bipartisan basis with an eye toward avoiding unrelated policy fights. Top lawmakers in both chambers are now turning to a stopgap funding package, a typical strategy to give the lawmakers time to iron out a long-term agreement.

The House Freedom Caucus has already released a list of demands it wants included in the continuing resolution. But they amount to a right-wing wish list that would never fly in the Senate.

The conservative opposition means McCarthy will almost certainly have to win significant Democratic support to pass a funding bill — but such an approach risks a new round of

conflict with the same conservatives who in the past have threatened to oust him from the speakership. Democrats are already readying blame for the House GOP.

"The last thing the American people deserve is for extreme House members to trigger a government shutdown that hurts our economy, undermines our disaster preparedness, and forces our troops to work without guaranteed pay," said White House spokesman Andrew Bates.

In a letter to his colleagues Friday, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer wrote that the focus when the Senate returns Tuesday will be "funding the government and preventing House Republican extremists from forcing a government shutdown."

It leaves McCarthy desperate to get the votes to keep government offices running and avoid the political blowback. As he tries to persuade Republicans to go along with a temporary fix, McCarthy has been arguing that a government shutdown would also halt Republican investigations

into the Biden administration.

"If we shut down, all of government shuts it down — investigations and everything else — it hurts the American public," the speaker said on Fox News last week.

IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY

Since they gained the House majority, Republicans have launched a series of investigations into the Biden administration, with an eye towards impeaching the president or his Cabinet officials. They have now zeroed in on the president's son, Hunter Biden, and his overseas business dealings, including with Ukrainian gas company Burisma.

The inquiries have not produced evidence that President Biden took official action on behalf of his son or business partners, but McCarthy has called impeachment a "natural step forward" for the investigations.

An impeachment inquiry by the House would be a first step toward bringing articles of impeachment. It is not yet clear what that may look like, especially because the speaker does not appear to have the GOP votes lined up to support an impeachment inquiry. Moderate Republicans have so far balked at sending the House on a full-fledged impeachment hunt. "I don't know how actually how a Republican could not do it," Trump said in an interview on Real America's Voice. "I think a Republican would be primaried and lose immediately, no matter what district you're in."

UKRAINE AND DISASTER FUNDING

The White House has requested more than \$40

billion in emergency funding, including \$13 billion in military aid for Ukraine, \$8 billion in humanitarian support for the nation and \$12 billion to replenish U.S. federal disaster funds at home. The request for the massive cash infusion comes as Kyiv launches a counteroffensive against the Russian invasion. But support for Ukraine is waning among Republicans, especially as Trump has repeatedly expressed skepticism of the war. Nearly 70 Republicans voted for an unsuccessful effort to discontinue military aid to Ukraine in July, though strong support for the war effort remains among many members.

It is also not clear whether the White House's supplemental request for U.S. disaster funding, which also includes funds to bolster enforcement and curb drug trafficking at the southern U.S. border, will be tied to the Ukraine funding or a continuing budget resolution. The disaster funding enjoys wide support in the House, but could be tripped up if packaged with other funding proposals.

LEGISLATION ON HOLD

The Senate is expected to spend most of September focused on funding the government and confirming Biden's nominees, meaning that major policy legislation will have to wait. But Schumer outlined some priorities for the remaining months of the year in the letter to his colleagues.

Schumer said the Senate would work on legislation to lower the costs of drugs, address rail safety and provide disaster relief after floods in Vermont, fires in Hawaii and a hurricane in Florida. □

Prosecutors in all 50 states urge Congress to strengthen tools to fight AI child sexual abuse images

By MEG KINNARD

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The top prosecutors in all 50 states are urging Congress to study how artificial intelligence can be used to exploit children through pornography, and come up with legislation to further guard against it.

In a letter sent Tuesday to Republican and Democratic leaders of the House and Senate, the attorneys general from across the country call on federal lawmakers to “establish an expert commission to study the means and methods of AI that can be used to exploit children specifically” and expand existing restrictions on child sexual abuse materials specifically to cover AI-generated images. “We are engaged in a race against time to protect the children of our country from the dangers of AI,” the prosecutors wrote in the letter, shared ahead of time with The Associated Press. “Indeed, the proverbial walls of the city have already been breached. Now is the time to act.” South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson led the effort to add signatories from all 50 states and four U.S. territories to the letter. The Republican, elected last year to his fourth term, told AP last week that he hoped federal lawmakers would translate his groups’ bipartisan support for legislation on the issue into action.

“Everyone’s focused on everything that divides us,” said Wilson, who marshaled the coalition with his counterparts in Mississippi, North Carolina and Oregon. “My hope would be that, no matter how extreme or polar opposites the parties and the people on the spectrum can be, you would think protecting kids from new, innovative and exploitative technologies would be something that even the most diametrically opposite individuals can agree on and it appears that they have.” The Senate this year has



The U.S. Capitol is seen, Wednesday, Aug 30, 2023, in Washington.

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held hearings on the possible threats posed by AI-related technologies. In May, OpenAI CEO Sam Altman, whose company makes free chatbot tool ChatGPT, said that government intervention will be critical to mitigating the risks of increasingly powerful AI systems. Altman proposed the formation of a U.S. or global agency that would license the most powerful AI systems and have the authority to “take that license away and ensure compliance with safety standards.”

While there’s no immediate sign Congress will craft sweeping new AI rules, as European lawmakers are doing, the societal concerns have led U.S. agencies to promise to crack down on harmful AI products that break existing civil rights and consumer protection laws.

In addition to federal action, Wilson said he’s encouraging his fellow attorneys general to scour their own state statutes for possible areas of concern.

“We started thinking, do the child exploitation laws on the books have the laws kept up with the novelty of this new technology?” According to Wilson, among the dangers AI poses include the creation of “deepfake” scenarios videos and images that have

been digitally created or altered with artificial intelligence or machine learning of a child that has already been abused, or the alteration of the likeness of a real child from something like a photograph taken from social media, so that it depicts abuse. “Your child was never assaulted, your child was never exploited, but their likeness is being used as if they were,” he said. “We have a concern that our laws may not address the virtual nature of that, though, because your child wasn’t actually exploited — although they’re being defamed and certainly their image is being exploited.” □

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Philadelphia Police Commissioner Danielle Outlaw resigns after turbulent three years at the helm

By **MARYCLAIRE DALE** and **CLAUDIA LAUER**
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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia Police Commissioner Danielle Outlaw will step down this month to help lead a New York-area transit system, the mayor said Tuesday, ending a turbulent three years in which she guided one of the country's largest police forces through pandemic lockdowns, Black Lives Matter protests and frequent turmoil over race and policing.

Outlaw, the first Black woman to run the 6,000-member department, came aboard just before the pandemic shutdown and quickly had to oversee the city's safety as intense protests broke out in Philadelphia and across the country in the summer of 2020 over the police killing of Black people.

Her resignation comes just a few months before the end of Mayor Jim Kenney's tenure and as the rates of homicides and other crimes have become a major issue in the race to replace him. She will soon start a top security position with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Tensions between Philadel-



Philadelphia Police Commissioner Danielle Outlaw speaks with members of the media during a news conference in Philadelphia, Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023.

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phia police and the public escalated after George Floyd's killing in May 2020, when mostly peaceful protesters who shut down a major city expressway were met with tear gas and rubber bullets. The city council issued a statement calling the police response "brutal," "excessive" and "unacceptable," but Outlaw initially defended the strategy. The city later paid a \$9.25 million settlement to hundreds of protesters.

Later that year, police came under rebuke again when a young Black man named Walter Wallace Jr., who had a history of mental illness and was brandishing a knife outside his home, was shot and killed within seconds of police arriving to the scene. Outlaw bemoaned the lack of mental health services while pledging the department would do better. And they came to a head again just last month, when

the department had to backtrack to say that a man who was killed by an officer who had stopped him for erratic driving had neither lunged at police with a knife nor exited the car, as police officials initially claimed. Outlaw moved to fire the officer for insubordination and other alleged policy violations in the Aug. 14 death of Eddie Irlizarry.

"Commissioner Outlaw has worked relentlessly for

three and a half years during an unprecedented era in our city and a number of crisis situations, and she deserves praise for her commitment to bring long-overdue reform to the Department after years of racism and gender discrimination prior to her appointment," Kenney said in a statement. He has named First Deputy John M. Stanford Jr. as interim police commissioner. While campaigning, Democratic mayoral candidate Cherelle Parker has skirted questions over her plans for leadership at the police department.

Over the last few years, Philadelphia has seen a sharp increase in homicides, setting a modern-day record in 2021 with 562 homicides that year.

Homicides declined slightly in 2022 and advocates have said they are on track to decrease further this year.

But even though Philadelphia was hardly alone among U.S. cities in experiencing a rise in homicides over that time, it has had a hard time combatting a Republican narrative of being a Democratic city with a progressive district attorney that is overrun with violence and danger. □

United Airlines says it fixed the technology problem that briefly held up all its departing flights

By **DAVID KOENIG**
AP Airlines Writer

United Airlines said Tuesday it repaired a technology glitch that had forced it to halt departures nationwide, briefly crippling one of the nation's biggest carriers on a busy travel day. Federal officials said United crews had been unable to contact airline dispatchers through normal means.

"United asked the FAA to pause the airline's departures nationwide," the Federal Aviation Administration said on X, the social media site formerly known as Twit-



A United Airlines plane is pushed from the gate at George Bush Intercontinental Airport, Aug. 11, 2023, in Houston.

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ter. The FAA said the issue was limited to United and its subsidiaries. It was less than an hour from the time that the FAA issued a bulletin about United's ground stop until the agency said that flights were resuming shortly before 2 p.m. Eastern time.

"We have identified a fix for the technology issue and flights have resumed," United said in a statement. "We're working with impacted customers to help them reach their destinations as soon as possible."

United said earlier that it

was "experiencing a systemwide technology issue" and was holding up all departing planes. Flights that were already in the air when the technology problem occurred continued to their destinations, the airline said.

By midafternoon Tuesday on the East Coast, United had canceled only seven flights, well below its average of about 16 per day over the busy Labor Day weekend, according to figures from tracking service FlightAware. □

Hong Kong's top court rules in favor of recognizing same-sex partnerships in a landmark case

By KANIS LEUNG

Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong's top court ruled Tuesday that the government should provide a framework for recognizing same-sex partnerships, in a landmark decision for the city's LGBTQ+ community. The ruling did not grant full marriage rights to same-sex couples but was a partial victory for prominent pro-democracy activist Jimmy Sham, who had fought a five-year legal battle over the recognition of same-sex marriages registered overseas.

Sham married his husband in New York in 2013, and argued that Hong Kong's laws, which don't recognize foreign same-sex marriage, violate the constitutional right to equality.

Equality advocates said the judgment was a step forward and will have strong implications for the lives of the LGBTQ+ community and the financial hub's reputation as an inclusive place to stay and work.

Judges at the top court, by a majority, declared in a



Detained activist Jimmy Sham, center, leaves a prison van to enter the Court of Final Appeal as Hong Kong's top court hear the activist's last bid to ask for recognition of his New York-registered same-sex marriage in Hong Kong, on June 28, 2023.

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written ruling that the government is in violation of its positive obligation to establish an alternative framework for legal recognition of same-sex partnerships, such as registered civil partnerships or civil unions.

"The absence of legal recognition of their rela-

tionship is apt to disrupt and demean their private lives together in ways that constitute arbitrary interference," Justice Patrick Keane wrote. The court suspended its declaration for two years to give the government time to comply with its obligation. But

the judges unanimously dismissed Sham's final appeal on other grounds related to same-sex marriage and recognition of overseas same-sex unions. Currently, Hong Kong only recognizes same-sex marriage for certain purposes such as taxation, civil service ben-

efits and dependent visas. Many of the government's concessions were won through legal challenges in recent years and the city has seen a growing social acceptance toward same-sex marriage.

Surveys showed 60% of the respondents showed support for same-sex marriage in 2023, up from 38% in 2013, according to a report issued by researchers at The University of Hong Kong, The Chinese University of Hong Kong and the University of North Carolina School of Law in May.

In a previous hearing, Sham's lawyer Karon Monaghan had argued that the absence of same-sex marriage in Hong Kong sent a message that it's less worthy of recognition than heterosexual marriages.

Jerome Yau, a co-founder of non-governmental organization Hong Kong Marriage Equality, said the ruling sent a clear signal that same-sex relationships deserve some form of recognition and that it would help enhance Hong Kong's reputation. □

The U.S. sent cluster munitions to Ukraine but activists still seek to bolster a treaty banning them

By JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — Backers of an international agreement that bans cluster munitions are striving to prevent erosion in support for the deal after what one leading human rights group calls an "unconscionable" U.S. decision to ship such weapons to Ukraine for its fight against Russia.

Advocacy groups in the Cluster Munitions Coalition released their latest annual report on Tuesday, ahead of a meeting next week of envoys from the 112 countries that have acceded to or ratified the Convention on Cluster Munitions. The treaty prohibits the explosives and calls for clearing

areas where they litter the ground because they harm and kill many more civilians than combatants, A further 12 countries have

signed the convention. The United States and Russia are not among them. Mary Wareham of Human Rights Watch, who has long

championed the 15-year-old convention, says the coalition was "extremely concerned" about the U.S. move in July, after an intense debate among U.S. leaders, to transfer unspecified thousands of 155mm artillery-delivered cluster munition rounds to Ukraine. More than 20 government leaders and officials have criticized that decision, the coalition says. Hoping to avoid defections from the convention, Wareham says supporters hope signatories will "stay strong that they do not weaken their position on the treaty as a result of the U.S. decision. And we don't see that happening yet. But it's always a danger."

U.S. officials argue that the munitions a type of bomb that opens in the air and releases smaller "bomblets" across a wide area could help Kyiv bolster its offensive and push through Russian front lines.

U.S. leaders have said the transfer involves a version of the munition that has a reduced "dud rate," meaning fewer of the smaller bomblets fail to explode. The bomblets can take out tanks and equipment, as well as troops, hitting multiple targets at the same time. But Wareham cited "widespread evidence of civilian harm that (is) caused by these weapons. It was just an unconscionable decision." □



Police officers look at collected fragments of the Russian rockets, including cluster rounds, that hit Kharkiv, in Kharkiv, Ukraine, on Dec. 3, 2022.

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World War I memorials in France and Belgium are vying again to become UNESCO World Heritage sites

By **RAF CASERT**

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ZONNEBEKE, Belgium (AP)

— With war ravaging Europe's heartland again, the countless headstones, cemeteries and memorials from World War I are a timeless testimony to its cruelty. Belgium and France want them recognized as UNESCO World Heritage sites to make sure people stop and think.

They bring pause and introspection to just about everyone visiting the sites dotted along the former battle lines of the 1914-1918 Great War that killed some 10 million soldiers.

At 12, Robin Borremans is dreaming of becoming a helicopter pilot in Belgium's elite Special Forces. At the Tyne Cot cemetery, where 12,000 Commonwealth soldiers are buried row upon row, his perspective on life and death, war and peace, is being honed.

"It makes you so very quiet when you know what happened in this war," he said as he took a break from



Canadian soldiers march at a sunset ceremony and mounting of the vigil at the WWI Canadian National Vimy Memorial in Givenchy-en-Gohelle, France on April 8, 2017.

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walking between the rows of the fallen. "It's really terribly impressive." He and his party planned to visit a cemetery for Germans, the erstwhile enemy, later that day.

It is because of that impact that both nations want UNESCO to include the area on its famed list of

sites along with the Great Wall of China, Peru's Machu Picchu and Greece's Acropolis. A decision on the issue is expected to be made around Sept. 21 during UNESCO's World Heritage Committee meeting in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The area has 139 sites spanning western Belgium and

northern France and has been a living history almost since the guns finally fell silent in 1918. In neighboring Ypres, "every evening of every single day since the 1920s there has been a couple of people blowing a horn out of the Menin Gate," where the names of 54,000 soldiers

who were never found in the chaos spawned by the war are engraved on its walls, said Matthias Diependaele, heritage minister of northern Belgium's region of Flanders.

"That is the idea of commemorating every individual lost life in that war," he said.

But that is not necessarily enough to achieve such lofty recognition, UNESCO has already ruled.

To the dismay of the two nations, it snubbed their request in 2018 with the advice of the International Council on Monuments and Sites marking its conclusions with comments like "several questions," "lack of clarity," "too narrow and limited" and "shortcomings."

As well, it was long perceived that a site like the Auschwitz Birkenau German Nazi concentration camp in Poland should stand alone as witness to the horror and suffering and not be a precedent for a long list linked to wars. □

U.N. food agency drops aid to another 2 million hungry people in Afghanistan due to cash shortfall

By **RAHIM FAIEZ**

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The U.N. food agency said Tuesday it must drop another 2 million hungry people from

food assistance in Afghanistan this month due to a massive funding shortfall.

The action means that 10 million people will be cut off from the agency's sup-

port this year in the country, the World Food Programme said in a statement. The new cuts mean the agency will be able to provide food assistance to about a fifth of the 15 million people who need it in Afghanistan, the agency said.

"Amid already worrying levels of hunger and malnutrition, we are obliged to choose between the hungry and the starving, leaving millions of families scrambling for their next meal," said Hsiao-Wei Lee, WFP's director in Afghanistan. "With the few resources we have left, we are not able to serve all those people teetering on the edge of utter destitution."

The Taliban promised a more moderate rule than during their previous period

in power in the 1990s. But they have imposed harsh measures since seizing Afghanistan in August 2021 as U.S. and NATO forces were pulling out after two decades of war.

Among their actions, the Taliban have prohibited Afghan women from working at local and non-governmental organizations. Aid agencies have been providing food, education, and health care support to Afghans in the wake of the Taliban takeover of August 2021 and the economic collapse that followed.

The ban was extended to employees of the United Nations in April.

The measures have triggered a fierce international uproar, increasing the country's isolation at a time

when its economy has collapsed and its humanitarian crisis grows more grim.

In April and May, the WFP said it was forced to cut off 8 million people from food assistance.

WFP is often the last lifeline for women, who are increasingly being pushed out of society and face dwindling options for making a living and feeding their children. The cuts announced Tuesday mean that 1.4 million new and expecting mothers and their children are no longer receiving specialized food designed to prevent malnutrition, the program said. WFP expects to see a sharp rise in admissions to nutrition centers in the months to come as children slide deeper into hunger. □



Women queue to receive cash at a money distribution site organized by the World Food Program in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Nov. 20, 2021.

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Why You Should Not Miss Aruba's Free City Center Street Car Tour

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year-round trade winds.

Caya Betico Croes, mostly referred to as our "main street" has been developed into a pollution-free pedestrian mall. The double-decker offers you a 360 degree view of the downtown area with a picture perfect scenery of the island's clear blue skies. Who would not enjoy a ride on this beautiful and naturally air-conditioned vehicle? The tour consists of a total of 9 stops approximately 200 meters apart from each other; all stops are clearly marked. The tram will bring you close to different museums, historical plazas, monuments, the Protestant

church, Aruba's high-end mall, retail shops, and a variety of local and international cuisine restaurants. The "I love Aruba" trademark also belongs to that list. The third stop on the route is close to a 5-minute walk to the famous Renaissance Marina showcasing luxurious yachts and Aruba's blue waters.

The "Tram van Oranjestad" starts from a balloon loop near the Port of Call and serves the downtown area and ends at Plaza Nicky. The first ride starts at 10:00 am sharp with intervals of 25 minutes. The last trolley departs from the cruise port at 5:00 pm. Don't miss this



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ORANJESTAD — Museums are an integral part of conserving and honoring cultures, and Aruba is no exception. Our Island has a wide selection of various museums for our locals and visitors to see. Take this opportunity to learn about our island and experience a different day beyond the beach. Let us introduce to you these museums.

Museum of Industry Aruba

The Museum of Industry is located in San Nicolas—better known as the art capital of Aruba. This museum exhibits the industrial history of gold, aloe, phosphate, oil and tourism through elaborated displays and multimedia installations. The Museum of Industry is situated in the Water Tower in San Nicolas and narrates Aruba's industrial history, which began in the 19th century. The Water Tower was built in 1939 and consists of three sections: the substructure, the high-rising vertical shaft, and the tank at the top. The Water Tower was purchased by the Monuments Fund in 2003 so it can be restored and preserved as one of Aruba's monuments. The Museum of Industry is part of Aruba Museum Foundation (Fundacion Museo Aruban), which is a founda-

tion set to maintain, preserve, and protect the Aruban cultural sector, history, and nature. The museum of Industry is open daily from 9 am till 6 pm.

For more information, check out their Facebook page Museum of Industry Aruba.

Archaeological Museum of Aruba

The Archaeological Museum of Aruba is located at Schelpstraat 42 in downtown Oranjestad. The renovated historic Ecury complex in the area has been transformed from a family home to a modern museum that preserves Aruba's Amerindian cultural heritage. This 21st century museum is especially designed to preserve valuable artifacts dating back to the Pre-Ceramic period of 2500 BC.

In the late 1980's, AMA identified its



need for an adequate housing for its collection and activities. After studying various options, a project proposal was drawn up, including the acquisition and restoration of historical buildings in downtown Oranjestad.

These historical buildings were formerly the property of the Ecury family. The "Ecury Complex", is a cluster of single and two-story historic buildings, mainly Dutch colonial architecture from the late 19th and 20th century on a plot of approximately 1.700 m2.

In 1997, the Aruban Government bought the complex for the National Archaeological Museum project. In 2004, a financial agreement was signed with the European Development Fund and in 2006, restoration and construction work began on the monumental buildings and the soon-to-be exhibition space. In December 2007, the key to the complex was delivered and the museum's employees moved to the new location. The final design for the exhibit was completed in November 2007 and the permanent exhibit, financed by the Aruban Government and the Union of



Cultural Organizations (UNOCA), opened in July 2009.

At the new location, the National Archaeological Museum Aruba disposes of approximately 500 m2 for its permanent exhibit. This exhibit conveys information on the origin and culture of the first inhabitants of the island through archaeological objects and modern exhibition techniques. The new permanent exhibit gives the visitor an insight into the cultures that inhabited the island in Pre-Historical and Early Historical times. The museum also hosts attractive public programs, including lectures, educational projects, temporary exhibits and workshops.

The museum is open daily from 9:30 am till 4:30 pm. For more information check out the Facebook page Museo Arqueologico Nacional Aruba. □

Po-kè Ono - A Taste of Asia with a Twist: Exploring Flavorful Fusion



Amidst the vibrant paradise of Aruba, where turquoise waters meet golden sands, a culinary gem awaits: Po-kè Ono, the coolest Asian fusion spot that will whisk you away on an exotic flavor adventure. Experience an explosion of Asian tastes like never before led by the creative genius of Chef Urvin Croes, the mastermind behind Aruba's acclaimed Infini restaurant. Po-kè Ono serves up an enticing menu that blends traditional Asian flavors with modern twists, all within a cheery ambiance that exudes warmth and tropical charm.

At Po-kè Ono, diners can savor an array of flavors from the new menu items that stand out for their artful presentation and delectable taste. One of the highlights is the traditional Vietnamese Pho, a soul-soothing soup consisting of bone broth, rice noodles, succulent thinly sliced meat, fresh herbs, and zesty spices, making it an explosion of taste in every spoonful.

Another must-try dish is The Elvis Presley Bao, a playful homage to the King of Rock 'n' Roll. This fun creation features fried spam with sweet teriyaki, peanut sauce,

crispy fried plantains, crisp lettuce, red onions, and a spicy kick from the Kewpie mayo. The combination of sweet, savory, and spicy flavors is a harmony that leaves guests coming back for more.

If you're craving a delicious fusion of Indonesian and Hawaiian influences, the Babi Sate Poke hits all the right notes. Indonesian-style pork skewers are served with rich peanut sauce, crunchy crispy onions, pickled cucumber, and creamy avocado, resulting in a medley of textures and flavors that captivate the palate.

Beyond the flavors, Po-kè Ono impresses with its thoughtfully curated ambiance that reflects the Asian fusion theme. With two locations in Renaissance Marketplace and the lobby of Azure Residence, the restaurant exudes a tropical and laid-back vibe, inviting guests to unwind and indulge in a delightful dining experience. The use of fun cocktail glasses and relaxed decor further enhances the sense of pleasure, making every visit a memorable one.

Get ready for double the fun at Po-kè Ono with their awesome two-for-one happy hour. From 4 pm to 6 pm, this fantastic deal lets you dive into selected items at an incredible value. It's the perfect opportunity to try out their fresh new menu while sipping on delightful beverages.

Meet the culinary maestro, Chef Urvin Croes, the creative force behind Po-kè Ono and Infini. With an unyielding passion for Asian cuisine, rooted in his Chinese heritage, he sprinkles his magic on every plate at Po-kè Ono, crafting innovative and artfully delicious dishes. Having honed his skills in top-notch hotel restaurants and even snatching the title of 'Iron Chef Aruba's first winner,' Chef Urvin's culinary expertise shines through in every mouthwatering bite.

Promoting Aruba as a culinary destination, Chef Urvin sources ingredients locally whenever possible, supporting farmers who share his passion for qual-



ity produce. The result is a menu that expertly balances traditional recipes with modern techniques, elevating every dish to new heights. His love for food and the cultural stories behind each creation are evident in the passionate manner in which he prepares and presents his dishes.

Notably, Po-kè Ono has earned its well-deserved reputation as the number one restaurant on Tripadvisor Palm Beach, a testament to its success and popularity among locals and tourists alike.

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Food culture in Aruba

(Oranjestad) - Like many other cultures, an important aspect of the Aruban cultural identity is our connection to food and food traditions. The local food traditions consist of a melting pot of different cultural and religious eating habits and dishes.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner

The routine of breakfast, lunch and dinner on the island is one that does not completely follow a European or American routine, despite the major influences from these parts of the world on our culture and way of living. When it comes to the three important meals of the day, most of the Aruban population follows a Latin-American influenced routine.

Breakfast

Breakfast in Aruba is quite simple: a cup of coffee or tea, some bread, and sometimes an egg. Sometimes, due to the need of a quick "to-go" breakfast, you may also find many snack trucks and cafes that sell sandwiches, pastechis (meat pie), arepas and empanadas early in the morning.

Main Meal

The main meal is typically eaten in most households around noon or in



the afternoon. This can consist of meat, fish, and chicken—stewed or fried—with funchi (polenta) or rice with stewed vegetables. Often, fried or boiled plantain or pan bati (Aruban pancake) is included. Stews are a staple in Aruban cuisine and can be largely influenced by Latin-American and Latin/Afro-Caribbean Stews. Some of the more unique stews and soups from the ABC Islands* include sopi di bonchi cora (red kidney bean soup with pig tail), sopi mondongo (tripe soup), carni stoba (beef stew), comcomber stoba (West Indian gherkin stew) and much more.

Dinner Time

Dinner time can vary significantly from household to household. Unlike the U.S. or in Europe, dinner time typically does not consist of a whole (warm) meal. Instead, the evening "meal" can typically consist of something lighter, like a



sandwich, though it is not uncommon to see leftovers from the main meal reheated and eaten again. Tea and coffee are often also served with the evening snack.

(Religious) Holidays

Christmas is probably the biggest global holiday, and every culture has its own spin on what their Christmas cuisine entails. In Aruba, our Christmas cuisine is again largely based on Latin-American influences, most notably from Venezuela. Ayacas and the famous pan di ham* are two crucial holiday dishes, along with stuffed turkey, roasted glazed ham topped with pineapples, arroz con pollo (rice and chicken) and potato salad, among other items. Traditional drinks include ponche crema (Aruban eggnog), chuculati pinda (hot chocolate with peanut butter), and homemade fruit punch. Desserts include, bolo di pistachio (pistachio cake), bolo di cashupete (cashew cake), quesillo (flan), bolo preto (dark fruit cake), drigidek (gingerbread), pan boyo (bread cake) and more.

Snacks and tasty delights

Besides meals and dishes that are eaten on the dinner table, Aruba also has a food tradition that includes snacks and other tasty

delights that you may easily find around the island. These include, Saco*, basket, pastechi, kroket, deditos, Johnny cake and more. These snacks are usually sold at local snack trucks and cafes, often located on the side of the road. In the area of Tanki Leendert and Tanki flip, for example, there are many of these trucks parked on the side of the road and often open until late at night—offering tasty and filling snacks post night-life fun.

*ABC Islands: Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao

*Pan di ham: Derived from the Venezuelan Pan de Jamon (rolled up bread with ham, raisins and olives)

*Saco: Saco literally means "bag". Saco contains fried potatoes, plantains, chicken (and ribs) and a Johnny cake, served in a paper bag.

Source: Voeding, voedingsgewoonten en gerechten op Aruba (Nutrition, Food Traditions and Dishes on Aruba) by Biblioteca Nacional Aruba





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Etnia Nativa is where you can connect with the mystical aspects of Aruba, its culture, and its traditional heritage. The platform encourages visitors to engage with our island's unique cultural setting.

The objective is to share our collective native folkloric experience and field observations. A spiritual respect for Mother Nature is our promotion. Encourage awareness of true elemental values as well as the benefits of proven scientific and technological solutions for an eco-conscious society because Aruba's fragile nature is under various threats.

Our island needs each visitor to get involved in tourist activities where respect for the natural, cultural, and social environment is prioritized to define and understand the values of our community. With this type of tourism, there is a positive exchange of experiences between visitors and residents, establishing a fair and equitable relationship in terms of the benefits that this activity can generate.

Aruba is outside of the so-called hurricane belt; however, razing a piece of land and continuing development are like natural disasters. The devastation reached its tipping point. Global warming must be taken very seriously and personally; hence, every person could offer their grain of sand of contribution. Let's become an example in natural recovery by promoting the planting of trees, local trees in particular, in order to fight back desertification and rising temperatures. Actually the island is at that point where it must determine its character and make an unconditional choice for the future by demanding responsible governance. Considering the demographics and geophysical limitations of its small territory, smart choices have long-term benefits.

Since 2019, through this #islandinsight platform, our goal has been to raise cultural awareness, promote



education, and safeguard our heritage.

Our small, beautiful island, like the entire planet Earth, is going through a decisive moment, and our tourism in general should be governed by the principles of sustainability in order to minimize the impact on the environment and local culture.

As pioneers in construction and experimentation with reusable materials, we see the stagnation of waste on our island among other concerns, which deserves a creative solution and a pragmatic intervention. We built a museum home called Etnia Nativa and all its facilities with the main objective of influencing native consciousness. We educate visitors through an authentically local experience. All this happens in a private area of 880 m2 and within the limits of facilities that house remote cultural knowledge as well as native and imported plants, wild animals, and

endangered bird species with which participants can interact, thus providing the opportunity to enjoy an experience that will accompany them back home and make them love Aruba beyond its beaches.

Our project has incorporated collected materials into all phases since its initial process. The same was applied in the construction of artifacts, furniture, and works of art that are part of the decoration and conference sites, such as lamps, masks, shells, bones, feathers, seeds, etc.

We love to promote native culture as the result of the raw material available, creativity, and the desire to improve on a communal as well as a personal level, and we want to motivate the reader to take this tour de force of Native Aruban cultural criticism, which includes widely across artistic, literary, philosophical, linguistic, historical, ethnographic, and sociological aspects of native history. Etnia Nativa is rife with poignant and original observations and is an essential tour for anyone interested in Aruba's Native legacy.

Aruba needs to raise awareness of its still unfathomable assets that could be lost without even knowing they exist. It is in the hands of its inhabitants to request legislative protection, safeguards, and guaranteed protection of the existence of our ecosystem for our next generation and our future visitors.



If you are keen to explore Aruba's deep heritage, Etnia Nativa is the place. A private residential house that integrates natural and reused materials and is bursting with art, culture, and heritage. Each visitor is guided through an authentic encounter by the owner-builder and cultural expert.

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A brief history of the California Light House

(Oranjestad)—At the furthest western point of the island, there lies the tallest structure on the island: The California Light House. Standing on top of a limestone cliff, this lighthouse oversees the entire island, offering one of few best views of the island and the surrounding sea. It is also one of the few monuments that hold a rich history.

The lighthouse was constructed in between 1914-1916, and its first keeper was a young trained lighthouse keeper from Curaçao names Jacob Jacobs. Mr. Frederico Fingal was the last man to have occupied this position until 1962. Though his son, Mr. Romulo Fingal did not continue in his father's footsteps, he does have a special connection to the lighthouse. He sat down with our reporter and shared a bit of its history.

As Mr. Fingal explains, "In 1915, cargo donkeys were hired from Figaroa di Noord to help build the Lighthouse at Westpunt. The

donkeys had to walk along the beach all the way to Westpunt carrying the cargo, poles, cement, and all these things. At that time, it was a difficult task until Aruba got its first truck. These things reflect how people could have accomplished this tremendous job with so little." Mr. Fingal said, "At that time, it wasn't a place for people to work. It was very challenging because it was full of goats and donkeys, and it was very isolated. There were no hotels or roads to get there. There was only a donkey trail. Those were the only means of transportation."

Mr. Fingal continues, "In 1939, I was born in the lighthouse, and my father was the last lighthouse keeper until he retired in 1962. After that, they removed the power cables all the way to the top. According to the story, we couldn't have the light ourselves because they dismantled it, and after many years, I heard that it is in a train museum in San Nicolas, where we found this very special lens

that, when the light shines through it, it reaches 30 kilometers out to sea." Mr. Fingal told our reporter.

The lighthouse has a long and very interesting history. The reason why the lighthouse was built, according to Mr. Fingal, dates back to the day when the cargo ship S.S. California sank because of the lack of light. In 1913, Aruba made a request to Curaçao to build a Lighthouse at Westpunt, and the governor of Curaçao responded to Aruba to come back in 1915 with a well-detailed plan. "During the First World War from 1914 to 1918, they had to wait for the light to be transported to Aruba because it was manufactured in France. At that time, there was no electricity, and the light was very interesting because it rotated with a kerosene lamp that planes used; clean kerosene," Mr. Fingal said.

Mr. Fingal discovered something very interesting about the lighthouse after much research was docu-



mented in his book 'History of the Lighthouse at Westpunt.' He found many details: "I found out that the height of the lighthouse was due to the absence of electricity. There was also the presence of coral. There is a long steel cable from where the light is, and under the light, at the highest point, there is a hanging weight, a sort of pendulum that swings like that, with a weight that measures about 1 meter by 30 centimeters wide, which is a block of solid iron attached to a cable. When you re-

lease it upwards, it comes down, and the weight that comes down pulls it up, gradually. And while it comes down, the same weight that is descending causes many small wheels to turn in the opposite direction. The Lighthouse rotates from 6 pm in the evening, when the sun sets, until 6 am in the morning. During the entire night, the light shines on the lantern, it goes down 24 meters, and the Lighthouse is 30 meters high. It is designed not to collapse," Mr. Fingal explains.



Mr. Fingal further explains that in one night, the lighthouse rotates 4,320 times and consumes one gallon of kerosene for the whole operation. "At that time, the kerosene was supplied from the Lago refinery. Every day it was brought down, and to start the light again, they had to lift the weight up, so our job as children was to crank it and raise the weight back up in the evening when the light stuck, they would take it down again, and the light stayed down. That's how it worked for a very long time," Mr. Fingal explains.

Thanks to the Monument Fund Aruba, which worked hard and is currently in charge of the Lighthouse, Mr. Fingal is very happy with its preservation, along with all the renovations that have taken place. He hopes that the story of the lighthouse will continue to live on for future generations. □

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: FORGIVING IS NOT FORGETTING. FORGIVING IS REMEMBERING WITHOUT PAIN. — CELIA CRUZ

Millennial Money: How to budget with a fluctuating income

By CHANELLE BESSETTE of NerdWallet

If you've ever lived off of tips or commissions, you may be familiar with the up-and-down paychecks common in certain industries. Service jobs, sales jobs, creative careers and project-based work can all have fluctuating income, where seasonality, events or the general economy might affect your earnings. When you can't depend on a regular paycheck amount or paycheck timing, it can be hard to know how you'll make ends meet when money isn't as abundant. With some planning, budgeting and creativity, however, it can become easier to weather a varying income.

CREATE A BUDGETING PLAN

Lawrence Sprung, a certified financial planner and author of the book "Financial Planning Made Personal," works with several financial clients who are romance novelists. These authors live off of book deals and royalties and often have to budget differently depending on their publication cycle. Sprung and his firm help these clients determine their expenses so they can figure out how much they need to save, he says. Even without the help of a CFP, there are steps you can take on your own to get your budget on the right track.

"One of the key components of an unpredictable income stream is having an emergency fund set up," Sprung says. "We usually recommend six to 12 months' worth of income so that when work lightens



In this Feb. 2, 2011, file photo, a wallet containing cash and a Visa card is displayed in Surfside, Fla.

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up they have income to live on."

A six-to-12 month emergency fund can seem like a daunting goal, but you can start small, and something is better than nothing. When you've figured out your essential expenses, you'll want to start setting aside separate accounts for retirement and other long-term savings goals, such as saving for your child's college education. And of course, to determine what you'll be able to and need to save, you'll have to figure out how much you spend.

TRACK YOUR SPENDING FOR A SET PERIOD

As the adage says, "What gets measured gets managed." Track your spending to see how much money you need for essential expenses and what you could cut if necessary. This can be particularly valuable for people with irregular incomes because some seasons, nights of the week, months or projects might bring in a lot more money than others. Most

people can benefit from this budgeting practice.

"Budgeting is important for everyone, no matter what kind of income you have," Sprung says. "It's worthwhile to at least annually look at where your money is going so that you can make adjustments. You don't have to make it complicated. In fact, the more simplistic it is, the better off you are."

Tracking your spending each month may be a good way to start if you're new to budgeting. Once you know what you're spending, you can usually find categories to cut back on such as dining out so that you can divert more money toward other goals like debt repayment and savings, especially for things such as retirement or a house. Keep in mind that if taxes aren't already taken out of your pay, you'll need to set aside money from every paycheck for when tax season rolls around.

GET CREATIVE TO REDUCE EXPENSES AND INCREASE INCOME

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Scientists analyzing data looking for signs of frozen water

By ASHOK SHARMA

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NEW DELHI (AP) — India's moon rover has completed its walk on the lunar surface and been put into sleep mode less than two weeks after its historic landing near the lunar south pole, India's space mission said.

"The rover completes its assignments. It is now safely parked and set into sleep mode," with daylight on that part of the moon coming to an end, the Indian Space Research Organization said in a statement late Saturday.

The rover's payloads are turned off and the data it collected has been transmitted to the Earth via the lander, the statement said. The Chandrayaan-3 lander and rover were expected to operate only for one lunar day, which is equal to 14 days on Earth.

"Currently, the battery is fully charged. The solar panel is oriented to receive the light at the next sunrise expected on September 22, 2023. The receiver is kept on. Hoping for a successful awakening for another set of assignments!" the statement said.

There was no word on the outcome of the rover searches for signs of frozen water on the lunar surface that could help future astronaut missions, as a potential source of drinking water or to make rocket fuel.

Last week, the space agency said the moon rover confirmed the presence of sulfur and detected several other elements. The rover's laser-induced spectroscope instrument also detected aluminum, iron, calcium, chromium, titanium, manganese, oxygen and silicon on the surface, it said.

The Indian Express newspaper said the electronics on board the Indian moon mission weren't designed to withstand very low temperatures, less than -120 C (-184 F) during the night-



This image provided by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) shows Vikram lander as seen by the navigation camera on Pragyan Rover on Aug. 30, 2023.

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time on the moon. The lunar night also extends for as long as 14 days on Earth. Pallava Bagla, a science writer and co-author of books on India's space exploration, said the rover has limited battery power. The data is back on Earth and will be analyzed by Indian scientists as a first look and then by the global community, he said.

By sunrise on the moon, the rover may or may not wake up because the electronics die at such cold tem-

peratures, Bagla said.

"Making electronic circuits and components that can survive the deep cold temperature of the moon, that technology doesn't exist in India," he said.

After a failed attempt to land on the moon in 2019, India last week joined the United States, the Soviet Union and China as only the fourth country to achieve this milestone.

The successful mission showcases India's rising standing as a technology

and space powerhouse and dovetails with Prime Minister Narendra Modi desire to project an image of an ascendant country asserting its place among the global elite.

The mission began more than a month ago at an estimated cost of \$75 million.

India's success came just days after Russia's Luna-25, which was aiming for the same lunar region, spun into an uncontrolled orbit and crashed. It had been intended to be the first successful Russian lunar landing after a gap of 47 years. Russia's head of the state-controlled space corporation Roscosmos attributed the failure to the lack of expertise because of the long break in lunar research that followed the last Soviet mission to the moon in 1976. □



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Fall Movie Preview: Hollywood readies for a season with stars on the sidelines

By **JAKE COYLE**

AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Hollywood is at a standstill. Actors and screenwriters are months into a dual strike. Film sets are dark. But the movies are still coming — or, at least, most of them. Even if that means some potentially solitary red-carpet walks.

"I'm hoping I'm not promoting the movie by myself," says Nia DaCosta, director of the upcoming Marvel movie "The Marvels" (Nov. 10). "No one's there to see me, either. They're going to be like, 'Where's Brie Larson?'" Though the ongoing actors and screenwriters strikes are casting a pall over the fall movie season and prompting some films to postpone, a parade of awards contenders and autumn blockbusters are on the way, nevertheless. The fall has long been the preferred domain of filmmakers and auteurs, but this year that's doubly so. With cast members largely prevented from promotion duties, directors whether helming an Oscar shoo-in or superhero blockbuster are carrying the load, albeit very reluctantly.

"I think we're now in a new world," DaCosta says of the strike. "Everything that's happening is an existential search that our industry is



This image released by Marvel Studios shows Teyonah Parris as Captain Monica Rambeau in a scene from "The Marvels."

doing. It won't be solved in one round of negotiations. But I'm hoping that the studios can end the strike soon and get us all back to work to work for them."

Up until now, the ongoing stalemate has had a modest effect on late-summer movie releases. "Barbenheimer" carried theaters through August.

But now that the strikes have rounded Labor Day, with no end in sight, Hollywood's high season is imperiled. It has already robbed the Venice Film Festival of much of its star power and will soon do the same to the Toronto International Film Festival.

Can you launch an Oscar campaign without its potential nominee? How about a global spectacle without its cast? Everyone

is hoping the strikes ends soon, but it's clear that, not long after COVID-19 upended the industry, the usual rhythms of the fall movie season have again been blown to smithereens. Much is in flux. Taylor Swift is in. "Dune" is out. Release-date jockeying continues. But for many of the filmmakers releasing films in the coming months, even their own movies aren't the top concern.

"This fall is such an exciting time for movies. I just want to see every movie coming out," says Emerald Fennell, whose high-society satire "Saltburn" opens Nov. 24. "But for the industry to be sustainable for it to be much more accessible to people, for it to be better paid for everyone at every single level — that's the

thing. That's the priority as far as I'm concerned."

Screenwriters have been on strike for four months. The guild's representatives began meeting with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, which negotiates on behalf of the studios, in August. But no breakthrough has followed. Instead, both sides have publicly sparred, dimming hopes that summer would end with a deal.

The Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists began its work stoppage on Jul 14. The AMPTP has yet to reengage the guild's leadership in talks.

As time has dragged on and picket lines have kept up the pressure, what may have once seemed like a disagreement over a hand-

ful of issues has swelled into a generational battle over the future of an industry remade by streaming and with new anxieties over AI. For now, the strikes are leaving festival stages unusually bare and red-carpet premieres quiet or non-existent. Such a prospect has forced some films out of 2023, including two starring Zendaya. "Dune: Part Two" and "Challengers" have both postponed, as has the "Wonder" spinoff "White Bird."

Many of the fall's top titles have stayed put or shuffled backward, hoping resolution comes in early autumn. Those include late October releases like Martin Scorsese's "Killers of the Flower Moon" (in theaters Oct. 20) and November entries like the prequel "The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes" (Nov. 17) and Ridley Scott's "Napoleon" (Nov. 22), with Joaquin Phoenix.

Meanwhile, the campaigns for some potential Academy Awards contenders such as Colman Domingo (George C. Wolfe's "Rustin"; in theaters Nov. 3, on Netflix Nov. 17) and Paul Giamatti (Alexander Payne's "The Holdovers"; in theaters Oct. 27, expands Nov. 10) will get underway without either present to take a bow. □



Maggi a Pembroke Welsh Corgi with her owner takes part in a parade of corgi dogs in memory of the late Queen Elizabeth II, near Buckingham Palace in London, Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023.

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By **KWIYEON HA**

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The changing of the guard at

Buckingham Palace may draw tourists from far and wide, but on Sunday visitors to the landmark were

Corgis parade outside Buckingham Palace to remember Queen Elizabeth II a year since her death

treated to a different sort of spectacle: a parade of corgis dressed up in crowns, tiaras and royal outfits.

Around 20 royal fans and their pet corgis gathered to walk their dogs outside the palace in central London to remember Queen Elizabeth II a year since her death.

Corgis were the late queen's constant companions since she was a child, and Elizabeth owned around 30 throughout her

life. Generations of the dogs descended from Susan, a corgi that was given to the queen on her 18th birthday.

Agatha Crerer-Gilbert, who organized Sunday's event, said she would like the corgi march to take place every year in Elizabeth's memory. "You know, I can't still get used to the fact that she's not physically around us, but she's looking at us. Look, the sun is shining, I thought it would shine on us today,"

she added.

Aleksandr Barmin, who owns a corgi named Cinamon and has taken the pet to attend past royal-related events, said the parade was a poignant reminder that Elizabeth is no longer around.

"It's a really hard feeling, to be honest ... it's really sad that we don't have (the queen) among us anymore," he said. "But still, Her Majesty the Queen is still in our hearts." □

Ryder Cup is the ultimate test for the unflappable Swedish rookie Ludvig Aberg

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The comparisons with Sergio Garcia are inevitable and appropriate based on the sheer skill and rapid rise. Just don't look for Ludvig Aberg to be sprinting and strutting and leaping into the arms of his teammates at the Ryder Cup.

"It was like a walk in the park for him," Luke Donald said in describing the moment the Swede effectively played his way onto the European team as one of his six captain's picks.

That moment was Sunday when Aberg, some three months removed from his senior year at Texas Tech, made four straight birdies down the stretch to surge past former U.S. Open champion Matt Fitzpatrick and win the European Masters in Switzerland.

"He's a cool customer," Donald said.

Texas Tech coach Greg Sands saw it when Aberg was 18 and playing his first European tour event at the Scandinavian Masters. He was among the last on the course, knew what the cut would be and made it without dropping a shot or breaking a sweat.



Winner Ludvig Aberg of Sweden poses with the trophy of the European Masters Golf Tournament DP World Tour, in Crans-Montana, Switzerland, Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023.

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"Everybody falls in love with the physical side of things, how efficient he is and all those things visually you get to see up close," Sands said Tuesday.

"To me, it's his ability to compartmentalize a moment. He keeps things simple. He doesn't let distractions get him off."

One such distraction might be playing with the Ryder

Cup captain in his third start as a pro.

Donald had heard about Aberg, the No. 1 amateur and landslide leader of the PGA Tour University ranking. One of his vice captains, Edoardo Molinari, had played with Aberg in Dubai at the start of the year and the kid opened with a 65.

They were in the same group at the Rocket Mort-

gage Classic, starting on the 10th hole at Detroit Golf Club.

"First tee shot ... just hits it absolutely on a string at the right line," Donald said. "It just kept on going from there, the whole round."

Aberg hit every fairway and missed only one green in a round of 65. "It's not easy," Donald said.

"I've played with a lot of

(Ryder Cup) contenders over the last six to 12 months, and some haven't played that well with me looking at them. But he didn't have any problem." With two weeks left in the qualifying period, Donald suggested to Aberg that he come to the European tour. Aberg tied for fourth in the Czech Masters and won in Switzerland. Donald had six captain's picks on Monday, and Aberg was an easy choice.

It's no less amazing that he will be at Marco Simone outside Rome in three weeks, which leads to the Garcia comparisons.

They are the only two players to turn pro in the same year they debut in the Ryder Cup. Aberg takes it a step further as the only Ryder Cup player to have never even played in a major.

Garcia turned pro in April 1999, two weeks after he was low amateur at the Masters. He won in his sixth start at the Irish Open, and the 19-year-old earned a spot on the team when he nearly chased down Tiger Woods at Medinah in the PGA Championship. □

WNBA playoff spots still up for grabs with less than one week left

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There are several playoff spots still up for grabs in the final week of the WNBA's regular season.

Only five teams have clinched berths in the post-season and just one knows its seeding with Connecticut locked in at No. 3. The rest will be decided over the next six days.

Las Vegas and New York are battling for the top seed with the Aces having a 1 1/2 game lead and two games remaining: a home and home versus Phoenix. The Liberty visit Dallas on Tuesday before hosting Los Angeles on Thursday and Washington on Sunday. The Sparks are clinging to

the eighth and final spot, leading Chicago by a game. The Sky hold the tiebreaker if the teams finish with the same record. Los Angeles caps off the season with road games at Connecticut, New York and Seattle.

Dallas and Minnesota have clinched playoff berths and most likely will meet in the best-of-three first round as the No. 4 and 5 seeds. The Wings hold a 1 1/2 game lead. The Lynx became just the second team to start 0-6 and qualify for the playoffs, joining the 2015 Los Angeles Sparks. The Sky have road games at Indiana and Connecticut sandwiched around a home game against the Lynx.

Atlanta and Washington are tied for sixth and seventh, a game in front of the Sparks.

Indiana, Seattle and Phoenix have all been eliminated from playoff contention. The Fever though have had a good season with 12 victories already. The team won just 11 combined the last two years and haven't had this many victories since Indiana won 13 in 2019.

The WNBA regular season ends Sunday and the playoffs begin Wednesday.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Napheesa Collier helped Minnesota clinch a playoff spot while averaging 22 points, 14.3 rebounds and four assists as the Lynx won

two of their three games. Other players receiving votes included A'ja Wilson of Las Vegas, Breanna

Stewart of New York, Kelsey Mitchell of Indiana and Jewell Loyd of Seattle. □



Minnesota Lynx forward Napheesa Collier (24) gestures towards a referee during overtime of a WNBA basketball game against the Atlanta Dream, Friday, Sept. 1, 2023, in Minneapolis.

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Coco Gauff reaches her first U.S. Open semifinal by beating Jelena Ostapenko 6-0, 6-2

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NEW YORK (AP) — Coco Gauff dealt just fine with the heat, the humidity, her big-hitting opponent and the task of trying to reach the U.S. Open semifinals for the first time, defeating 2017 French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko 6-0, 6-2 on Tuesday.

Gauff, a 19-year-old from Florida, is the first American teenager to reach the final four at Flushing Meadows since Serena Williams was the runner-up to her older sister, Venus, in 2001.

"Last year, I lost in the quarterfinal stage, and I wanted to do better this year," Gauff said. "Still have a long way to go, but I'm happy and I'm ready to get back to work for the next one."

This was the 16th victory in her past 17 matches for Gauff a first-round exit at Wimbledon in July sure feels like ages ago. Her best Grand Slam showing so far was making it to the final at Roland Garros last year.

Gauff lost that title match to Iga Swiatek and those two could have met again in the U.S. Open quarterfinals. But Swiatek didn't make it,



Coco Gauff, of the United States, returns a shot to Jelena Ostapenko, of Latvia, during the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open tennis championships, Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023, in New York.

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instead losing to Ostapenko in the fourth round. That defeat not only ended Swiatek's title defense but also meant she will relinquish her spot at No. 1 in the WTA rankings to Aryna Sabalenka next week.

When she is on the mark, as she was Sunday night against Swiatek, Ostapenko can be as challenging an opponent as there is,

because she goes for broke on nearly every stroke. If the balls land in, she is in business. When they don't, she is in trouble. She finished with 36 unforced errors Tuesday; Gauff had 14. "I didn't feel comfortable at all the whole match, even on match point. I know the game she plays. She has the ability to come back, no matter the score-

line," said Gauff, who lost to Ostapenko at the Australian Open in January, "so I was just really trying to get every point, trying to play every ball."

In the semifinals Thursday, Gauff will face No. 10 Karolina Muchova of the Czech Republic or No. 30 Sorana Cirstea of Romania. They were scheduled to play Tuesday night.

The women's quarterfinals on Wednesday will be Sabalenka of Belarus vs. No. 23 Zheng Qinwen of China, and Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova of the Czech Republic vs. No. 17 Madison Keys, an American who was the runner-up at the 2017 U.S. Open.

Tuesday's men's quarterfinals were 23-time major champion Novak Djokovic of Serbia vs. No. 9 Taylor Fritz of the United States, and No. 10 Frances Tiafoe vs. unseeded Ben Shelton in an all-American match at night. It's the first time since 2005 that three U.S. men were in the final eight in New York.

When Gauff and Ostapenko started just past noon in Arthur Ashe Stadium on Tuesday, the temperature was at 90 degrees Fahrenheit (32 Celsius) and the humidity at 55%. At the break before the second set, Ostapenko headed to the locker room, and Gauff sat on the sideline bench with a white towel packed with ice around her neck.

The American, naturally, had the crowd on her side. □

Chandler Jones posts, then deletes that he doesn't want to play for Raiders coach and GM

By **MARK ANDERSON**

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HENDERSON, Nev. (AP) — Las Vegas Raiders defensive

end Chandler Jones indicated in since-deleted social media posts on Tuesday that he no longer

wanted to play for coach Josh McDaniels and general manager Dave Ziegler. Jones' agent, Ethan Lock, said he had no comment. An attempt to reach the Raiders for comment was unsuccessful.

The Raiders return to practice Wednesday in preparation for Sunday's season opener at Denver.

"It's a shame that I am a top athlete with 112 sacks in the NFL and I have to go to a local gym to work out during the season for no apparent reason this is wild to me Josh and you know it you need to do what's right," Jones posted on Instagram.

It was unclear what timeframe Jones was referring to.

He missed a stretch of recent practices because of an unspecified injury, but then returned last week.

Regardless, he posted he didn't "wanna play for the Raiders" if McDaniels and Ziegler were still in control. He said he preferred that defensive coordinator Patrick Graham take over as the coach.

Those posts took a much different tone from what Jones wrote on X (formerly Twitter) on Monday, saying he "can't wait to play this year! Feelin great in practice!"

This isn't the first time this year a Raiders star player expressed displeasure at Raiders management.

Wide receiver Davante Adams told The Ringer in April that he and management "don't see eye to eye on what we think is best for us right now."

Adams, however, said in a news conference in May that he is completely on-board with the Raiders.

"At the end of the day, I'm a Raider and excited to be here," Adams said at the time.

"I love my head coach, I love the general manager here and everybody from top to bottom." □



Las Vegas Raiders defensive end Chandler Jones (55) warms up before an NFL football game against the New England Patriots, Monday, Dec. 19, 2022, in Las Vegas.

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